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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1 through 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Urano (5,923,544).

As to claims 1,4,6 Urano discloses a charging system (figure 1a and abstract) comprising a charging device (25) which includes an induction core (37) penetrating through a primary side coil (26), and a portable equipment(21) which includes an insertion portion containing a secondary side coil (27-28) and allowing the induction core to pass therethrough (column 6, lines 12-30 and column 8, lines 8-32, column 9, lines 5-59 and figures 1-4)..

As to claim 2,5, Urano discloses as explained in claim 1, and further more, Urano teaches charger (25) includes the primary side coil (26), and a power feed portion (figure 3).

As to claim 3, Urano teaches a portable equipment (21) comprising an insertion portion through which an induction core (37) of a charging device as penetrates through a primary side coil (26) thereof is allowed to pass, and in which a secondary side coil (27-28) for performing charging is contained (figure 3).

As to claim, 7, Urano discloses the step of installing the charging device (charger 25 inserted to the outlet (29) the step of passing the induction core through the insertion portion (figure 2B) and set for predetermine time period (figure 2B).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Urano in view of Williams et al "Williams" (5,678,207).

As to claim 8, Urano does not explicitly teach a plane perpendicular to the ground and holding the portable equipment suspensibly attached.

However, Williams teaches a hang-up clip and charging battery located within the wireless device which is perpendicular to the ground and hold the portable equipment

suspendible attached (figure 1 and abstract). Since, Urano, discloses a battery charger by inducing coils. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine Urano and Williams in charging portable device by suspending on plane perpendicular to ground , as taught by Williams, for simplicity of placing a portable device for charge and keeping the charger away from ones easy reach for safety reasons.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Shirai et al (5,50,452) discloses the induction charging apparatus has a power source unit and a device unit which can be detachably coupled to the power source unit (abstract).

Dahl (3,938,018) discloses a coils wound around a core for charging a device (figure 1).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tilahun B Gesesse whose telephone number is 703-308-5873. The examiner can normally be reached on flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on 703-308-7745. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.


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